

ST MARY'S
(Our Lady, Help of Christians)
Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2SF

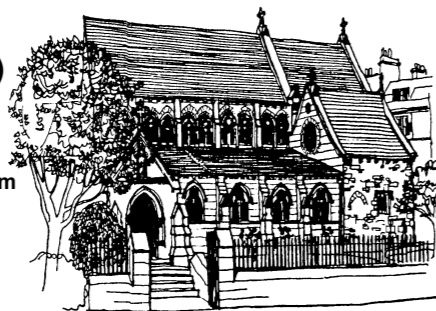


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<http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/deanery-event-calendar/>

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“That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.” Pope Francis

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year B Proper of the Season, Psalter 3

Sunday 18th April

9.00am Mass Rita Tora

10.30am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 19th April

St Alphege, Bishop, Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday 20th April

Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Wednesday 21st April

Weekday of Easter

10.00am Mass Jack Harding (anniv.)

(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

Thursday 22nd April

Weekday of Easter

No Mass

Friday 23rd April

St George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England

10.00am Mass Private intention

(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

Saturday 24th April

Our Lady on Saturday

No Mass

The 10.00am Masses on Wednesdays & Fridays are not open to the public, but are live-streamed on the parish website & www.churchservices.tv/bath. The church will remain open for 9.00am & 10.30am Mass on Sundays, both of which are live-streamed. There will be no 5.00pm Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is available by request.

We need at least two stewards at every Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help? If you are aged **18-60, live in BANES** and are not clinically vulnerable, please email the parish office to offer your services.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:

St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894

St John's Fr Christopher 464471

Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Peter asserts that it is faith in Jesus which brought healing to the lame man. He goes on to proclaim that it is only through faith in Jesus that people can be saved.

2nd Reading: Here and now we are God's children. We are destined to see God face to face.

Gospel: Jesus is willing to die not only in defence of his sheep but also in order to draw others to everlasting life.

Parish Prayers:

For the people of Syria and of Yemen

For all those with chronic or life threatening illnesses, including Michaela L and Georgia.

For the hospital chaplains in Bath, of all faiths.

Diocesan Church Prayer Link:

St Edmund, Calne

St Anthony of Padua, Melksham

Masks are mandatory in all churches (unless you have an exemption card or are under 11 yrs old). Please make sure your mask covers both your nose & mouth throughout the whole Mass.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (18 years+) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Info: www.catholicsingles.org.uk, 0161 941 3498

SANCTUARY LAMPS:

The restored Sanctuary Lamps are back in place, & the brass lamp at the Lady Chapel has also been rehung. As you know we have had no votive candles in the church since the beginning of the pandemic, but these 7 day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes are available at the entrance to of the church in which you can specify the lamp you wish, & the intention. Alternatively, call Fr Jeremy. Minimum offering per candle £5.00 to cover its cost. Please place the envelope with the offering in the collection box near the exit in the Lady Chapel, or hand it into the sacristy. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private. If there are no intentions for a particular week then a sanctuary lamp is still required to be lit, but it will be the only one.

Week beginning Sunday 18th April

SL1 Dave Waldron RIP

SL2 Ints. of the Boyall family

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Coming to Mass during a pandemic:

Churches are open for public worship, but there are strict non-socialising rules we have to ensure are observed.

Booking: Everyone needs to book a seat before they come to Mass, via Eventbrite or the booking phone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). If booking by phone, all bookings for the following week need to be made by noon on Saturdays.

COVID restrictions: If you have had your first vaccination, that is wonderful! Sadly, this does not make you invincible. Many other people in the congregation will not have been vaccinated. Please keep to the rules about 1m+ distancing & do not sit beside those outside your bubble. We are urged to encourage anyone who is clinically vulnerable to protect themselves by staying at home, & experiencing the Mass through live-stream & spiritual communion www.churchservices.tv/bath

RUH CONTACT DETAILS:

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call the RUH Chaplaincy 01225 428331 on arrival.

Children's Liturgy: Redemptorist provide a weekly Children's Liturgy with a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection & a final prayer. Fun, engaging & practical worksheets/resources provided to help children continue to practice their faith during this difficult time. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following->

John Desmond's 100km family virtual relay run to Oxford in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care:

There is still time to sponsor John! John and members of his family have been running during March so their combined runs equal the distance from Bath to Oxford (100kms). This is to raise money for Marie Curie. Please use the JustGiving link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-desmond10

This week we remember:

Margaret Blezard, Bert Stott, Grace Watkins, Bridie Duff, Robert (Bob) Baker and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



A focus on Youth Ministry in a time of pandemic. This is a series of conversations for anyone interested in any aspect of supporting the young people of our Diocese. The Adult Education department will be running this series of evening talks on Microsoft Teams with a number of national speakers taking the lead: 20th April Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, on Divine Renovation

Each talk begins at 7.30pm and will finish around 8.45pm. If you are interested in joining the conversation or simply to listen to what is being said, please get in touch with us at youth@cliftondiocese.com to express your interest. We will then send out a Teams invitation to you.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Please share these numbers so someone in need can find them.

WomansAid National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

The mix Advice for under 25yrs 0808 808 4994
Advice for Male Victims of Domestic Violence 0808 8801 0327

Childline Deals with a vast variety of children concerns inc. Domestic Violence 0800 1111
<https://www.csas.uk.net/wpcontent/uploads/2018/05/Guidance-Supporting-people-who-may-be-experiencing-domestic-violence.pdf>

Could you be a Governor at St Mary's Primary School? If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm & commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of our parish primary school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills & experience, for the benefit of the children in our school. You email the clerk to the governors via admin@st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk & can find out more about St Mary's School here: <https://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk/bathnes/primary/st-marys>

FINANCE: The pandemic has severely disrupted our means of receiving money. Whilst we have a foundation of regular givers, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly income. This is income essential to sustain the parish & its outreach responsibilities. We know many are facing greater financial hardship. However, if you are able to make a regular/occasional contribution, we would be grateful. Thanks to all who support St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. Please visit St Mary's website & give via the **DONATE** button. Any size of donation is welcome. Only the donations secretary sees confidential info. If you are a taxpayer, consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation by 25% : <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

Mondays - Lectio Divina group:

Come & join us! A small, friendly Group who meet by Skype at 3.00pm on Mondays to read & share the Gospel for the next Sunday. We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) as a way to follow our reading & sharing. If you would like to chat & find out more before joining us, or to try it out from your own home, phone either Patrick 07966 366731 or Graham 07889 495419.

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia** on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family", which will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The Year has now begun! Take a look at the dedicated website by following the link below: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

LGBT+ Masses: The monthly Masses at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol, for the LGBT+ community, family, friends & allies have now resumed. As previously, they are held at 3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. These Masses are also now being livestreamed & then made available as recordings, for the benefit of those unable to join us in person. The live-stream can be accessed via a link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

CJM MUSIC:

Listen to Sunday's psalm sung here: <https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-b/>

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph: "This short little booklet has been put together as an invitation to prayer in the current 'Year of St Joseph'. This special year, instigated by Pope Francis, marks the 150th anniversary when Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church in 1870. What is offered here can be used as a Novena, when we commit ourselves to nine days of prayer." You can access the booklet here: <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/mass>

Marriage Encounter: New dates for marriage preparation (Engaged Encounter) and Marriage Encounter opportunities are now available.

Information and dates regarding events organised by Marriage Encounter can be found by visiting their websites: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk> & Home - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales (www.wvme.org.uk)

Marriage Encounter Experiences:

15/16 May online video conference experience.
10/11 July - non-residential weekend Savio House, Macclesfield. (Covid permitting).
Engaged Encounter (marriage preparation)
17 and 24 April - online video conference experience.
19 and 26 June - online video conference experience.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed until 26th

April Postal items: 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com
Email Charlotte to receive the Sunday bulletin by email on Fridays. These are archived on the parish website "News, Events & Pandemic Resources". Charlotte remains working from home, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. If you have her home phone number, please do not pass it on nor use it for church issues. Email bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com to contact her or ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311725. **The Mon-Thurs resources in a pandemic emails are paused for the time being.

Live streaming from St Mary's:

*Sunday Mass 9.00am, 10.30am
*Wednesdays & Fridays Mass 10.00am
You can access the live stream via the website or through www.ChurchServices.tv/bath This resource will continue to be useful for parishioners who cannot attend Mass; also for streaming services such as funerals, baptisms, weddings, plus Christmas & Lent services. There is an ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices, & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Happily, parishioners have been most generous in funding installation costs of £4950. We have received, in 2021, over half the ongoing costs for this year. Please contact Michael Gage if you want to Gift Aid your donation via msg.gage@gmail.com You can also donate via the **donate** button on the parish website or send a cheque made payable to "St Mary's Catholic Church Bath" to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF.

Diocese: Dare to dream - Easter reflections

Bishop Declan invites each one of us to continue to take time to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we are encouraged to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. Fr Jeremy will taking part in this on Pentecost Sunday <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**. A P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young & the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure & Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please ring 311725 or email Fr Jeremy to discuss it bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com

Alternatively you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan safeguarding office Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com